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there were four torpedo-skaped, green-painted objects on stands on the deals. The stands were about one and sne-kalf meters high and the objects were about four meters long. The stands were symetrically placed; two athwart the funnel and two on the afterdack (see sketch No. 3).

there were two navel vessels in tow by two tugs at a point between Cape Terakiy Orlov and Svyatoy Res. They entered the White Sea. They were about 200 feet long, with a flush deak, one funnel, and one must just forward of the funnel. The vessels looked old; they had no numbers and flew no flag.

small naval vessels were just off Kwyskiy Point due north of the mounth of the Severnaya Dvina. Some of the vessels were dead in the water close ashure and others circled about nearby. All were of the same type; each was about 100 feet long, with a flush deck, one gun on the fore-deck, a must at the after edge of the bridge, one funnel, and two guns on the centerline on the afterdeck. One of the vessels was slightly different from the rest in that it had a larger bridge structure and the forward gun of the two guns on the afterdeck was mounted on a raised structure (see sketch No. 4, a and b).

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eight naval vessels lay side by side at the naval quay in Port Ekonomiva. All were similar

Each was about 100 feet long, had a steel hull, an overhanging bow with a spit for minesweeping, one small gum on the foredeck, a bridge, a break in the deck, one funnel, one small gum on the afterdeck, and a long deck structure on the afterdeck toward the stern (see sketch No. 5).

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deck structure on the afterdeck toward the stern (see sketch No. 5).

a Soviet merchant collier was at the quay in Port Ekonomiya
discharging coal which was said to have come from Spitmbergen. The quay at
Port Ekonomiya was equipped with three cranes of the same type, each of which
had a lifting capacity of about five tons.

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several series of thunder-like explosions were heard emanating from the area of Svyatoy Nos. The series lasted, in all, for about one-quarter of an hour. There were unequal periods of time between the explosions in a series and between the several series. The impact could be felt on ship but no smoke could be seen.

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a large and a medium large naval vessel were underway on a west-nerthwesterly course near position N 70-00, E 34-00. The smaller vessel was following the larger, which turned eff on an easterly course about eight miles from the above-mentioned position, while the smaller vessel continued on the previous course to pass about eight miles north of the abovementioned position, at a speed of 20 to 25 knots. About one hour later the same ship or one like the smaller of the two described above was at a position about 12 miles farther to the northwest on an easterly course. The smaller ship was about 300 feet long with a raked bow, one gun mount on the foredeck with possibly two guns, an unidentified structure atop the gun mount, high comning tower, the forward funnel, then a break in the deck, a deck house in two levels, another mast or tower not as high as the conning tower but higher than the structure on the gun mount, the after funnel which was like the forward one, and finally the after gun mount with two guns, and a long afterdeck (see sketch No. 6). The larger ship was about twice as long as the other: it had a raked bow, two gun turrets with two or three guns each on the foredeck, a large coming tower, the forward funnel, an unidentified structure - possibly a gun mount - between the funnels, a mast, the after funnel similar to the forward one, a small tower, two turrets with two or three guns each, and finally a long afterdeck (see sketch No. 7).

9. Eight to ten old aircraft were at Keg Island Airfield. A couple of them were twin-engine craft. None were seen to take off or to land.

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- 10. The pontoon bridge between Solombala and Arkhangelsk was not set out because of high water. No traffic was observed on the new bridge. It was ascertained that it had not yet been opened for use.
- 11. The consensus of the reports was that the arrival and departure inspections were less intense than they had been in 1954, they averaged about one-half hour each; cameras and radio gear were sealed; crew members were allowed ashore.

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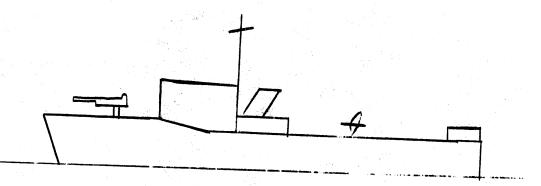
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Submarine near position N 70-00, E 35-00

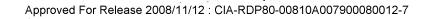


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Vessels near position N 70-00, E 35-00

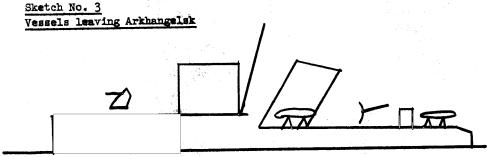


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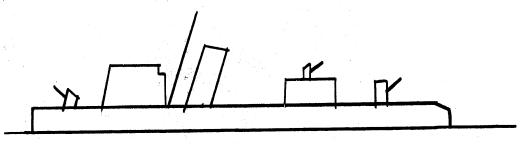
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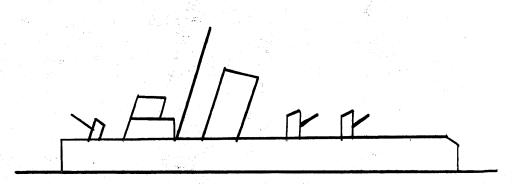


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Sketch No. 4



a. The vessel slightly different from the other 17 off the mouth of the Severneya Dvina



b. 17 vessels off the mouth of the Severnaya Dvina

Sketch No. 5

Naval vessels at Port Ekonomiya

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